

# CHNYC TELTale

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*Shields attack downwind during the Surface Navy Association Regatta. Read the stories on pages 5 and 6.*

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## Visit us on the WEB

[www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc](http://www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc)

*Our site contains pictures of yacht club activities as well as important documents such as Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, all of the sail training materials from the ground school, and brochures that explain our plans and programs.*

## From the Secretary/Treasurer

*Membership grows!*

Janet Belson  
Secretary/Treasurer, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

### *OUR MEMBERSHIP*

We currently have 236 members.

### *OUR MISSION*

Our Corporate Charter defines our mission as being "for the purpose of promoting and providing instruction and training in the skills necessary for the safe operation of recreational and competitive boating and sailing in behalf of Naval Station Newport and its tenant commands, along with promoting the professional development of Naval personnel in accordance with Navy-wide directives; and providing, managing, operating and maintaining such physical and material facilities and boats as may be deemed necessary and expedient in furthering the above purpose".

### *ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:*

Once again we will be having our annual dinner meeting to end the boating season, elect new officers and acknowledge those who have donated countless hours to helping make the season a great success. More information is in this Tell Tale.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Dinner Meeting. Hope you had a wonderful boating season. With the hot weather we had, it sure was nice to be on the water. Enjoy the last weeks of this boating season.

### *WINSLOW REGATTA PICNIC*

The turnout for the Picnic after the Winslow Regatta was tremendous. Thank you to all who came and to the delicious dishes that everyone provided. The number of people who attended surpassed our expectations and we apologize for running short on some of the goodies. Next year we will probably ask for an RSVP to get a better handle on the numbers.

## From the Helm

*Thank you for your support!*

Ben Riggs  
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Our season is on the home stretch, with a lot of activities still underway. We have had two successful racing events, the Winslow Cup and the Surface Navy Association Regatta, thanks to our race co-chair, CAPT Chip Swicker, and his team of volunteers. There are two to go: the Special Olympics and the NWC President's Cup. In addition, the Rhodes Wednesday Night Series continues to be more competitive than ever.

Last year's Rhodes sail training efforts included training 217 students and qualifying 76 others with check rides, while the Shields program qualified 26 new skippers. This year got off to a slower start, but things are picking up. It takes about 1500 volunteer hours to accomplish this part, and we rely heavily on the support of both our members as well as the MWR during a period of shrinking resources.

This will be my last Telltale as Commodore. In the past two years we have enjoyed many accomplishments in behalf of our more than 200 members, and we face new challenges and opportunities ahead. To enjoy the many rewards of accomplishing our mission, we need more of you to discover how you can enjoy participating in what we do, from sail training to giving check rides to competing in race series and regattas to organizing and running those events, along with the many supporting activities such as managing social functions, the Ship's Store, publishing the Telltale and other announcements, watching over our two moorings, keeping up our website, monitoring safety issues, teaching race tactics, and so on. I hope many of you will volunteer to help out next season. Positions we have yet to fill include Race Committee Chair, Ship's Store, and Social Director. Just contact a member of the nominating committee, which consists of Ron Oard, Janet Belson, and me. And if you don't have experience, don't worry; you can get it here, just like I did.

Thank you for your support, and I hope to see you on the water.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SAIL TRAINING

GROUND SCHOOL: MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 7-9 PM  
ON-THE-WATER: SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 8 AM UNTIL NOON AND  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 5- 7 PM  
CLASSES HELD WEEKLY THROUGH SEPTEMBER. CONTACT PAUL  
MANKOFSKY IF YOU WANT TO HELP.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

DATE: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH OCTOBER  
STARTING LINE WEST OF COASTERS HARBOR ISLAND  
Summer series 1 June through 3 August; Fall series 10  
August through 5 October. See NOR and SI posted on the  
CHNYC WEB site. Contact Seth Moyer for the details.

### SHIELDS ADVANCED SAIL TRAINING

DATES: THURSDAYS 5-7 PM; SATURDAYS 10 AM – NOON  
EIGHT CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED THIS SEASON. CONTACT THE  
MARINA OFFICE FOR DETAILS. CONTACT RON OARD IF YOU WANT  
TO HELP

### RACE QUALIFICATION SEMINARS

DAYS: MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 5-7 PM;  
SPINNAKER WORKSHOP ON SATURDAYS 2-4 PM.  
SEMINARS ARE SCHEDULED EACH MONTH. CONTACT MARINA  
OFFICE OR RICK MATTON FOR DETAILS.

### RHODE ISLAND SPECIAL OLYMPICS 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

DATES: 24-25 SEPTEMBER  
TWO DAYS OF RACING ARE SCHEDULED FOR ATHELETS AND THEIR  
COACHES FROM UP AND DOWN THE EAST COAST. VOLUNTEERS  
FOR RACE COMMITTEE AND OTHER ASHORE SUPPORT ARE NEEDED.  
CONTACT CHIP SWICKER OR MIKE ARSENAULT.

### NAVAL WAR COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S CUP REGATTA

DATE: FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RACE COMMITTEE. CONTACT CHIP  
SWICKER FOR DETAILS.

### CHNYC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

DATE: FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER AT THE OFFICER'S CLUB  
SEE ARTICLE ON THIS PAGE FOR DETAILS.

## COASTERS HARBOR NAVY YACHT CLUB

### AWARDS BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING

### O'CLUB, NAVAL STATION NEWPORT FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2005

5:30 COCKTAILS  
6:30 BUFFET  
\$36.00 per person

The Admiral's Buffet will be served.  
Advanced reservations are required.  
RSVP by October 29<sup>th</sup> to: Janet Belson  
([j.belson@cox.net](mailto:j.belson@cox.net)) or 401-683-4135

Advanced payment is requested.  
Send payment to:  
Janet Belson, Treasurer  
5 Benedict Ave  
Portsmouth, RI 02871-2301

### SHIP STORE ITEMS

The O' Club now has Coasters Harbor Navy  
Yacht Club items for sale in their Gift Shop. If  
you are interested in shirts, caps, burgees etc.,  
please go to the O' Club. If you have any  
questions, ask for Rita. She is the person who is  
our contact.

### MARINA ADVISORY GROUP

The Marina Advisory Group ("MAG") exists to  
represent the views of all marina patrons to the  
MWR and C.O., NAVSTA Newport, and CHNYC  
has the responsibility to act as the advocate for  
patrons of the NAVSTA marina. The MAG has  
two co-chairs and groups of members: one from  
the MWR, the other appointed by the  
Commodore of CHNYC. A new co-chair and slate  
of CHNYC members will be meeting with their  
MWR counterparts on September 15th, and will  
discuss such issues as base/harbor security,  
head/building maintenance, winter storage,  
proposed berthing rates, and so on. If you have  
an item involving the marina you would like  
addressed, please let Mel Lash or Ken Hansen  
(both on B dock) or me know about it. Ben❖

## Sail Training

*Instructors are doing a superb job!*

Paul Mankofsky  
Rear Commodore, Sail Training

Through mid-August, we trained about 80-90 students, and we are projecting another 60-70 through mid-September, for a total of approximately 160 students. Discussions with our students and others indicate that our overall performance and curriculum improvements were effective and appreciated. This season we saw increased boat usage by other commands, including Naval Academy Prep School, NJROTC, and ROTC units from the region. Our instructors helped many of the principals of these groups become qualified Rhodes skippers so that they could familiarize their units with basic sailing techniques.

Each of our instructors has done a superb job to emphasize safety, equipment care and handling, identifying hazards and minimizing risk, and the pleasures of basic recreational sailing.

We worked closely and effectively with the MWR staff and Fleet Captain to assure an operational Rhodes fleet. We appreciate the efficient dispensation of sails and PFDs and response to on-the-dock problems so that we could efficiently assign boats and get the students out on the water.

I thank Dennis Crowley for his daily on-the-water supervision and boat assignment efforts that were smoothly executed and Tom Gunzelman for maintaining and updating our instructor attendance, and credit and usage records. Our ground school, coordinated by Paul Watters, did a creditable job that yielded on-the-water students who were knowledgeable and prepared.

As we move into our last two classes for the 2005 season, I ask that you think about helping out next season, and continue to send us the names of anyone who expresses an interest in participating in our program.

Paul ❖

## Ground School

*Thanks to all volunteer instructors!*

Paul Watters  
Rear Commodore, Ground School

We have completed fourteen basic sail training ground schools classes. There are only two classes left in the season and both of them are filled to capacity. Thanks to all of our ground school instructors for making this a successful season.

### DATE INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Sept 5	NO CLASS
Sept 12 Ben Milam	847-1107
Sept 19 Manny Moniz	832-4859
monizmc@npt.nuwc.navy.mil	

Paul ❖

## CHNYC Boat Haul

TO BE INCLUDED ON THE CHNYC HAUL-OUT LIST FOR NEB YOU MUST CONTACT PAUL WATTERS NO LATER THAN SEPT 5. NO NAMES CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Please Email your name, phone number, boat name and length to [PaulWatters@earthlink.net](mailto:PaulWatters@earthlink.net)

## New CHNYC Guest Mooring Policy

From now on, all reservations and arrangements concerning the two CHNYC guest moorings will be handled directly by the Yacht Club. There is also a new Mooring Reservation Form that will be required.

Please contact the Commodore or, in his absence, the Vice Commodore for reservations. See point of contact information on last page. The new form and policy will be available by e-mail.

## From the Race Course

*Come out and race – it just gets better!*

Chip Swicker  
Rear Commodore, Regattas

Many thanks to all the CHNYC members who came out and either raced in or supported the George Winslow Memorial Regatta on August 6th and the Surface Navy Association Regatta on August 20th. I'd also like to give special recognition to Mel Lash for letting me and the Race Committee commandeered PENCHANT as the Committee Boat for both events. Ben Riggs, John Chenard and John Collins were a great help getting the line straight and running the scoresheets, flags and shapes. Bob Lowenthal did a fine job running the Mark Boat, his immaculate SEA SHARP, with FJ Ritt and Jason Fox assisting. The Winslow Cup races began in light air, with the wind shifting a full 180 degrees before the breeze finally filled in later in the afternoon. We got in three races per class nonetheless. In the Rhodes 19 class, the results were 1st/Mike Incze, 2nd/Dan Sullivan, 3rd/Mike McDonald. Results for the Shields class were 1st/Andy Burton, 2nd/ Dan Halloway and 3rd/Chris Withers. Competitors gathered around the grills afterwards for burgers and beer at a picnic organized by Jack Hawkins, Janet Belson and John Collins, with Shields Fleet Captain Ron Oard flipping burgers and grilling 'dogs.

Two weeks later, the Second Annual Surface Navy Association Regatta was held, mustering five boats each in the Rhodes 19 and Shields classes. Chuck Kesson ran HIGH TIDE as the Mark Boat and Doug Smith helped me by setting a flawless line from PENCHANT. Competitors were assigned boats by a card draw, so many were not racing their "usual" hull. The competition was fierce, including a "Ben Hur" moment that shortened the transom of Shields #14 by a couple of feet. After a total of four races per class, Mike Arsenault claimed the Bulkeley Cup in the Rhodes 19 class, with Fleet Captain Seth Moyer taking Second and Dave Wilson taking Third. The Burke Cup for Shields class went to Chris Withers, with Fleet Captain Ron Oard taking Second and Kevin Hansen taking Third.

All hands enjoyed a post-race party in the Officers Club Topside Pub, catered through the courtesy of the Surface Navy Association. Captain John Christenson, the Commanding Officer of the Surface Warfare Officers School, was on hand with his family to present the engraved silver bowl trophies. Mike Arsenault and Chris Withers will have their names engraved on the two SNA Perpetual Trophies kept at SWOS.

The regatta season is only half-way through...the 10th Annual Special Olympics Rhode Island Regatta will take place over the September 24-25 weekend. Mike Arsenault and I will be organizing the event with Chris Hopkins from Special Olympics Rhode Island. Please let me and Mike know if you would like to help out. The last regatta of 2005 will be the Naval War College's Presidents Cup competition on Friday, October 7th. I will be working with Chris Barcomb to wrap up the season with a fine day of racing. For more information, please email me at [charles.swicker@navy.mil](mailto:charles.swicker@navy.mil)

My last day in Newport will be November 10th, when I depart enroute to command of the Aegis missile cruiser USS VICKSBURG (CG 69) based in Mayport Florida. I would like to thank all the CHNYC members who have helped me put together the SNA events in 2004 and 2005, and have taught me all I know about running a good race. I am working with retired Vice Admiral Tom Weschler to have VICKSBURG named as the "Committee Boat" for the 2007 Newport Tall Ships event, so I hope to see you again then. I wish you all fair winds and following seas!

Chip ❖

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### ***Regatta Schedule 2005***

*RI Special Olympics – 24-25 September*

*NWC President's Cup – 7 October*

***Wednesday Night Rhodes 19 Fleet Racing***

*Fall Series – 10 August through 5 October*

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## From the Shields Fleet

*Bernie Patterson continues to lead the way!*

Ron Oard  
Fleet Captain, Shields

It has been an interesting summer. With the heat and humidity everyone has experienced has come a consistent lack of wind or too much fog on racing nights. The wind has been great the rest of the week, but Wednesdays have been another story. By getting in two races on the last night of the summer series we managed to get all the races for that series in, but again, only two weeks into the fall series we find ourselves one race behind. Once again Bernie Patterson and his crew on Ann have led the way for the Navy Shields on Wednesday evenings.

During the George Winslow Regatta on 6 August, we had eight Shields from the Navy and Shields Fleet 9 out for another typical light day on the water (the first race took about 90 minutes). The race committee did manage to get three races in, and Andy Burton in #201 finished first in a very close contest where only a handful of points separated the top three boats. This past weekend the Navy boats raced in the second annual SNA Regatta, where Chris Withers return to racing Navy Shields and held off a strong challenge from my crew to take home the first place trophy.

### Wednesday Summer Series Racing Results:

Boat	Skipper	Points
Ann	Bernie Patterson	98
Icea	Ron Oard	105
Vindex	Chuck Rushworth/Tripp Alyn	115
Columbia	Harold Belson/Greg Gahlinger	121
Angela	Bill Saunders	128
Silverheels	Dean Schofield	144
	Chris Barcomb	151
Ron ❖		

## From the Rhodes Fleet

*Competition is fierce and friendly!*

Seth Moyer  
Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

The Summer Series ended with a bit of a whimper, as we had one race fogged out and one race impacted by the threat of thunderstorms. The fleet continues to increase in competitiveness with 4 different boats taking first place and 9 of the boats taking at least 3rd place or better sometime during the series. In the end Mike Incze (racing boat #19) finished first due to his domination during the month of June. Herb Rommel (racing boat #14) came in second thanks to 2 first place finishes of his own during the series. Mike Arsenault (racing boat #11) took 3rd place due to consistent finishes near the top of the pack.

As of this writing we are one race into the Fall Series after having our last race abandoned due to lack of wind. We have 11 skippers expressing interest in competing in the fall which leave us with all 4 O'Day boats available if anyone else wants to join in on the fun.

In addition to our Wednesday Night races, our fleet has had the pleasure to participate in 2 well organized and well run summer regattas. The Annual George Winslow Memorial Regatta was held on 6 August with 5 boats competing in three races. Mike Incze ran the table on all three races and took first place. Second place went to Dan Sullivan who slipped past Mike McDonald (who took third) in the last race.

The second annual running of the Surface Navy Association Regatta was held on 20 Aug under perfect summer conditions. Again 5 boats competed, with the very efficient Race Committee fitting in 4 races. Mike Arsenault and Raoul Archambault closed out Team Moyer in an exciting finish to the last race to take first place for the regatta. Seth and Brenda Moyer finished in second with Dave Wilson and his daughter, NCAA Champion, Kate Wilson taking third. Thanks to all who helped make these regattas the great events that they were.

Seth❖



## Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club – Points of Contact

Position	Name	Home Phone	E-mail Address
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Commodore	Ben Riggs	401-846-2540	<a href="mailto:rmcriggs@earthlink.net">rmcriggs@earthlink.net</a>
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ER (past) Commodore	Jim Gilmore	401-253-1985	<a href="mailto:jgilmore@lifespan.org">jgilmore@lifespan.org</a>
Secretary/Treasurer	Janet Belson	401-683-4135	<a href="mailto:j.belson@cox.net">j.belson@cox.net</a>
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Sail Training	Paul Mankofsky	401-847-9092	<a href="mailto:pmank@verizon.net">pmank@verizon.net</a>
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Website Coordinator	Paul Schmidle	401-885-4629	<a href="mailto:schmidlp@nwdc.navy.mil">schmidlp@nwdc.navy.mil</a>
Sail Training Administrator	Tom Gunzelman	401-847-0468	<a href="mailto:Jtgunzelman@cox.net">Jtgunzelman@cox.net</a>

Please complete this short form below. Renewals provide us the opportunity to ensure all your information is up to date.

MAIL TO: CHNYC c/o Janet Belson, Treasurer, 5 Benedict Ave., Portsmouth, RI 02871-2301

☐ New CHNYC Member      ☐ Renewal       Membership Number  
☐ CHNYC Individual (\$25)      ☐ CHNYC Family (\$35)  
☐ Active Duty       Projected Rotation Date  
☐ Dependent      ☐ Retired      ☐ Reserve       DOD

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DUTY STATION/WORK: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BOAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ POWER: \_\_\_\_\_ SAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TYPE/MANUFACTURER: \_\_\_\_\_ LOA: \_\_\_\_\_ BEAM: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MARINA BERTH # \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Very important areas in which you'd like to help and get involved with: We particularly need help with ...

☐ On-Water Sail Training      ☐ Ground School      ☐ Race Committee

We also need assistance with these programs: Please check the blank and show your support ...

☐ Sail Qualification Upgrades (Rhodes/Shields)      ☐ Power Squadron      ☐ Cruising  
☐ Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew)      ☐ Special Events (Picnics, Socials, Etc)

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*Rhodes 19s battle at the starting line during the Surface Navy Association Regatta. See articles on pages 5 and 6.*